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October 18, 2000

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Joint Application of WPS Resources Corporation, Wisconsin Public
Service Corporation, WF&L Acquisition Corp. and Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company for Consent and Approval of the Acquisition and
Merger of Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company 05-GM-100

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS,
AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Tuesday, October 31, 2000 – 9:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the joint application of WPS Resources Corporation, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, WF&L Acquisition Corp. and Wisconsin Fuel and Light Company (applicants) filed August 7, 2000, for approval of the transactions by which WPS Resources Corporation (WPSR) would acquire Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company (WFL) and merge it into Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC).

Copies of the application, prefiled testimony, and exhibits may be obtained by written request to WPSC at its office at P.O. Box 19001, Green Bay, WI 54301-9001.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from WPSR in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.84 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 6.

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, October 31, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. The prehearing conference is being held to:
(1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Currently the joint applicants are the only party to the proceeding. Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than October 26, 2000. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffry J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Donna Holznecht at (608) 267-7972.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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